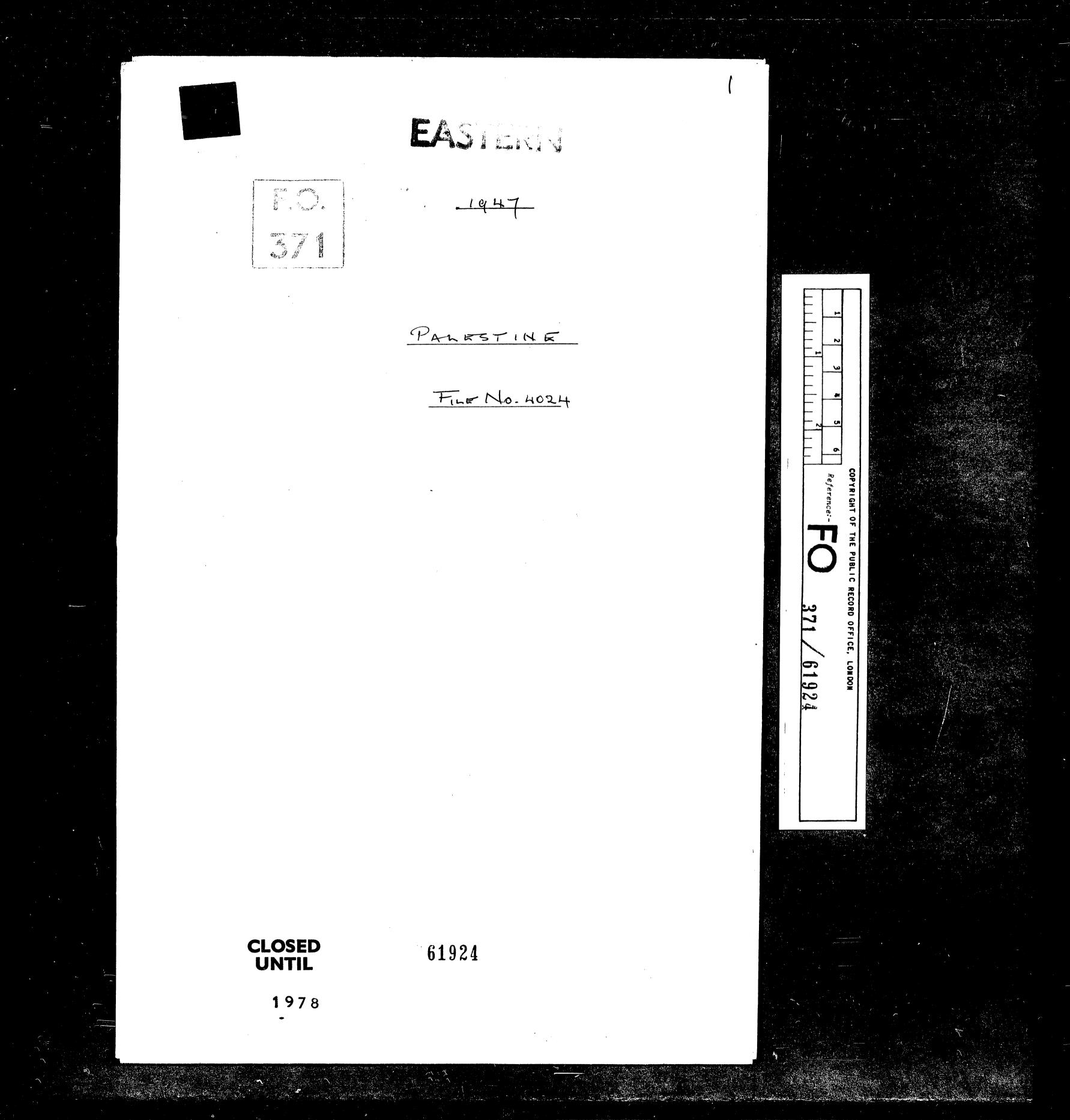
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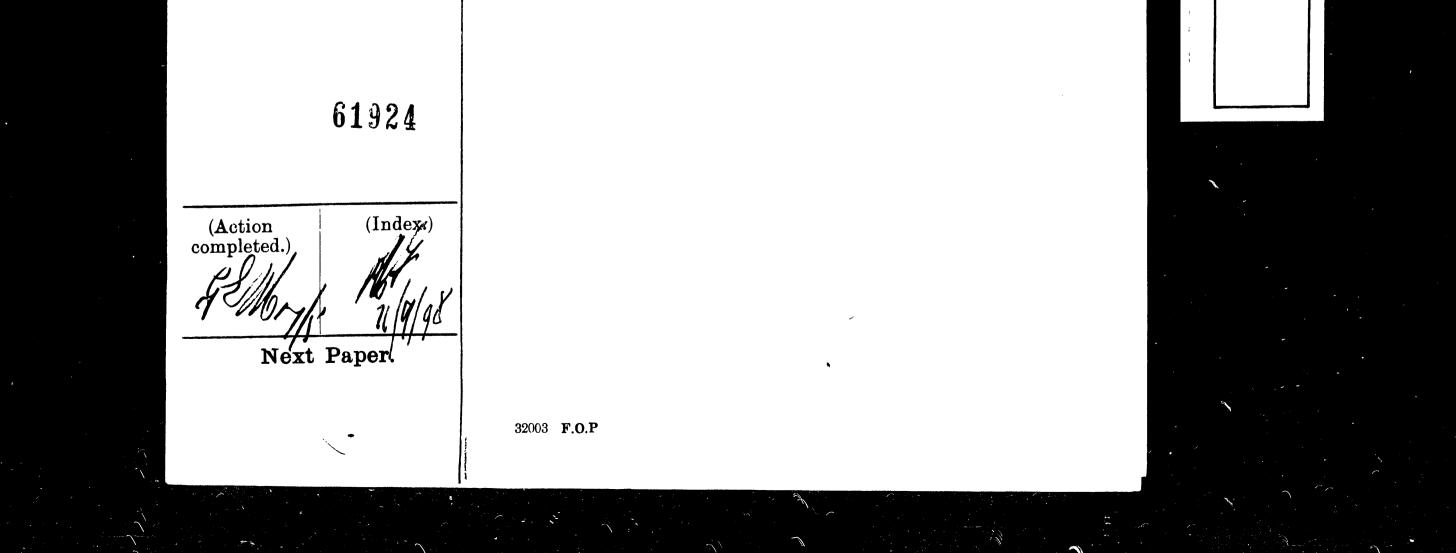
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Minutes E 4024 Grd Mr. Henniker-Major I saw Mr. Maurice Petherick, Conservative ex M.P., this afternoon at your request. The suggestion which he had to make to the Secretary of State was briefly as follows. Russian influence in world affairs was, in his opinion, on the decline and it should be the policy of England and the United States to keep the Russians on the defensive. The United States had now taken a great step forward by taking over certain commitments of ours in Greece and Turkey. We should now try to persuade them to join with us in administering Palestine so as to set up a joint Anglo-American base in that country. The Russians had shown by their departure from Margin. Persia that they were susceptible to firm treatment and Mr. Petherick could not think of anything more likely to keep them quiet than the in this knowledge that America as well as ourselves had a strong military base in Palestine. Written I explained one or two of the obvious difficulties in the way of this scheme but, as you suggested, undertook to record it for the information of the Secretary of State. be to Nothing 535 Beins J.G.S. Beith 8th May, 1947 the Petherick total a it was a brand. her I be thought very ingluious idea S. y.S. PD. 9/5 Je .

